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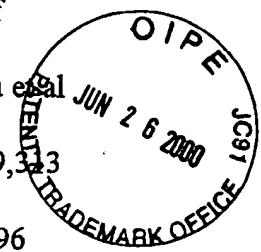
In re Application of

Toshiaki Kanemitsu et al

Appln. No. : 08/669,323

Filed : July 8, 1996

For : SHEET METAL MEMBER HAVING AN
ANNULAR PERIPHERAL WALL AND)
A METHOD OF THICKENING AN)
ANNULAR PERIPHERAL WALL OF)
THE SHEET METAL MEMBER)
(AS AMENDED))



) Art Unit: 3725

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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action
of September 1, 1999.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof

REMARKS

The examiner's objection to claim 7 under 37 CFR 1.75 is noted. It is also noted that
claim 7 was "rewritten in independent form" by the last Response filed. Clearly, therefore, the intent
was to cancel claim 7 and replace it with new claim 8. To effect this change, claim 7 is now being